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ON THE ROAD

SONG OF YOUNG BURBAGE

The goat that rubbed my knees last night
  And left his ancient smell
Maddened my heart that I was what
  A hornèd goat could tell.

For if his favor singled me
  Out of the passing crowd,
I know I'm not too well disguised
  Nor yet too worldly proud.

Most difficult it is today
  Beneath a coat and vest:
I fear my old identity
  May fade with all the rest.

But I'll go back to hill and sky
  And hold a colloquy:
I need those ancient presences
  Whose tumult still is—me!

THE HERD BOY

The night I brought the cows home
  Blue mist was in the air,
And in my heart was heaven
  And on my lips a prayer.